



# Did I Tell You?

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a message to a daughter  
as she is almost grown-  
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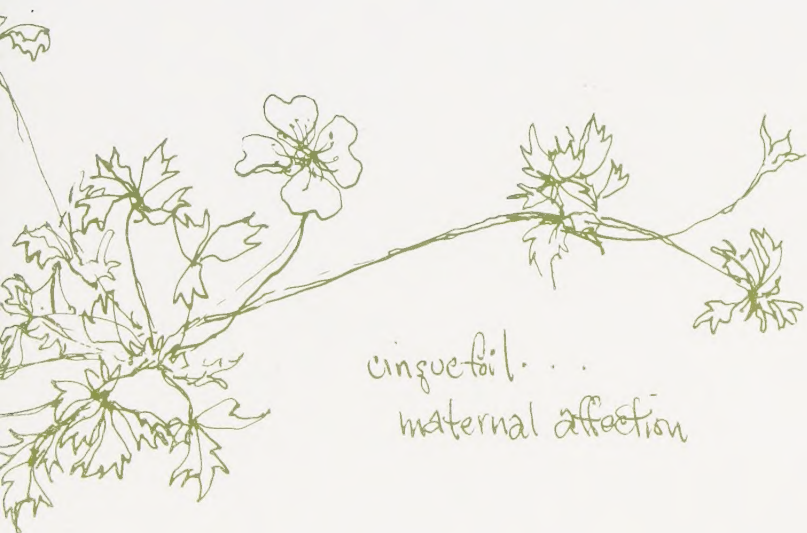
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For all who have wondered. .  
Did I tell you?



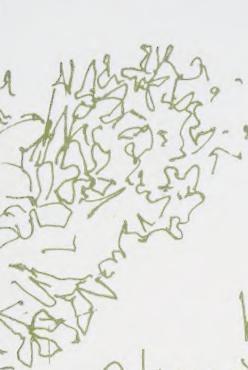
cinquefoil. . .  
maternal affection



white lilac . .  
young innocence







Now that you are  
almost grown I look back  
and ask myself


Did I tell you?

Did I tell you all that I  
meant to tell you, all that  
I felt was important.

Did I tell you or was it  
lost in the shuffle of our  
everyday lives. The busy  
full days when we taught  
and didn't know it.

What did we teach? Was  
it strong? Was it good?  
Will it root you in something  
real that will allow you  
to grow with a firm and  
sound foundation?

Did I tell you . . .



Did I tell you  
to love, not with  
a fair weather  
love, but with a  
love that accepts  
and cherishes  
unconditionally.  
Love not with a  
quick and passing  
love, but with a  
love that is a  
quiet peace within  
your heart.



rose . .  
love

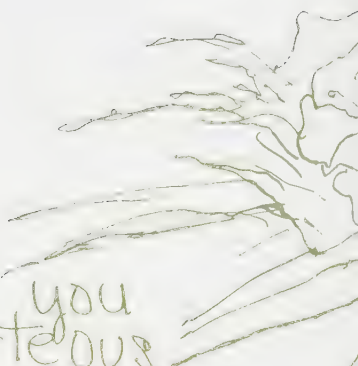
Wild pansy . . .  
thoughtfulness





Did I tell you  
to be thoughtful.  
Not to be a martyr  
or doormat to be  
trodden upon, but to  
be aware of other  
people and their  
needs. To meet others  
with awareness and  
within your own  
framework be able to  
meet them halfway  
and on occasion  
go the other half  
joyfully.

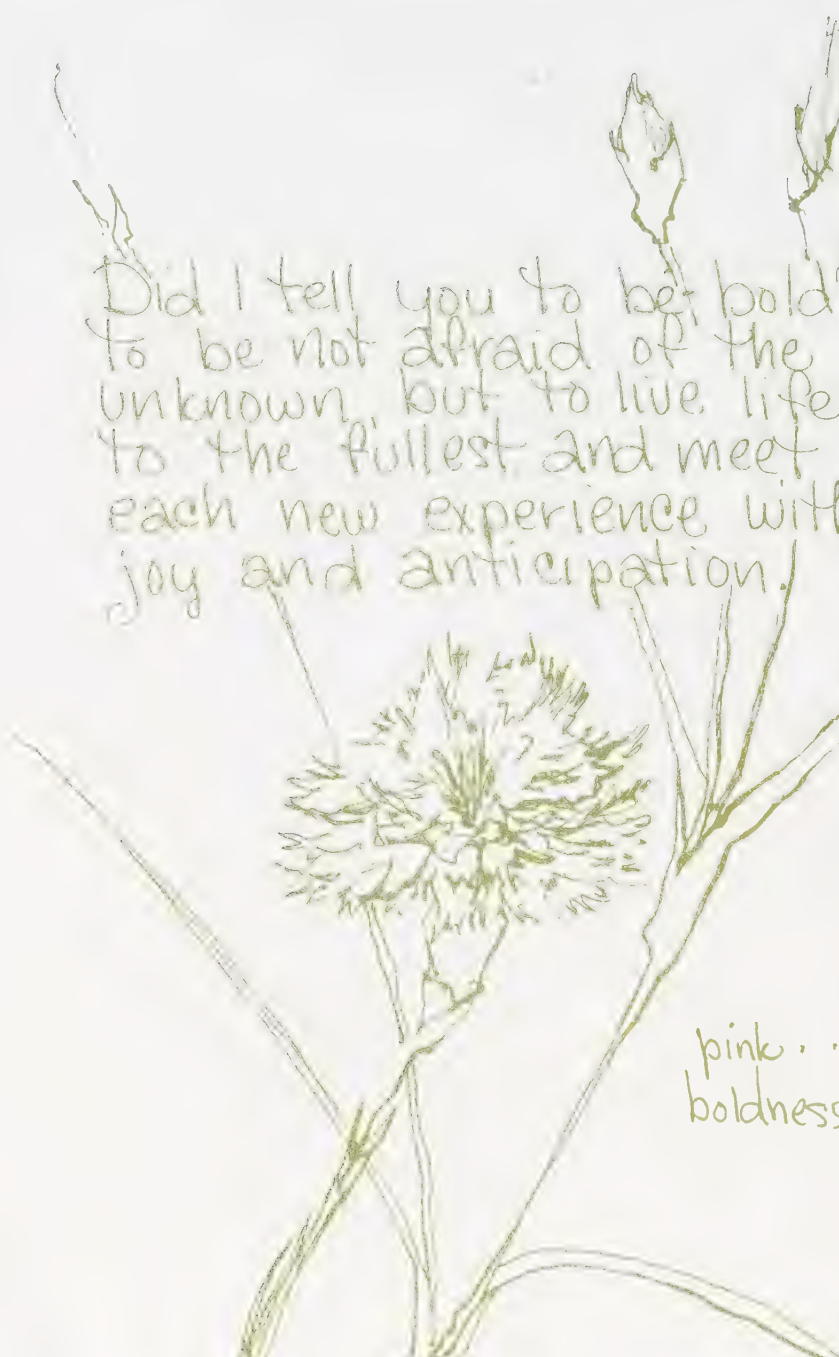
Did I tell you  
to be courteous  
Not to display  
empty manners  
with no meaning  
but to live the  
courtesy born of  
caring. And to  
express this caring  
through the small  
formalities and  
customs born of  
the years.







Sweet William =  
Courtesy



Did I tell you to be bold.  
To be not afraid of the  
unknown, but to live life  
to the fullest and meet  
each new experience with  
joy and anticipation.

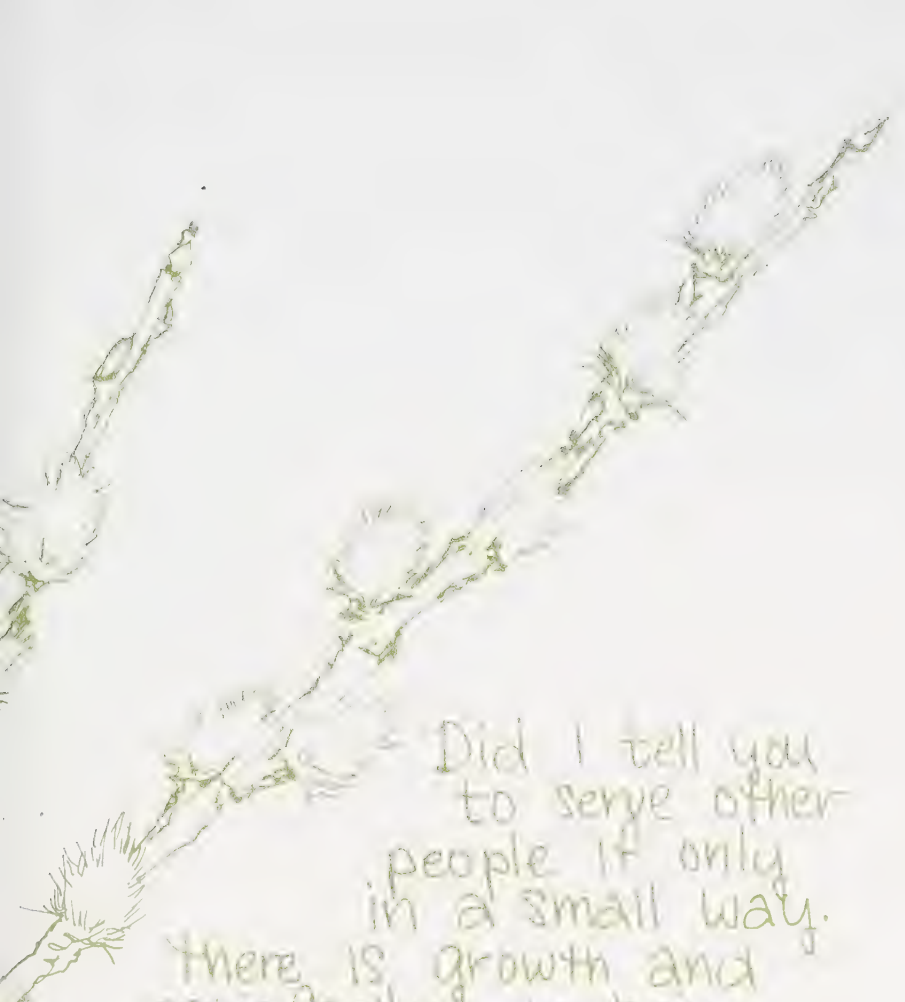
pink . .  
boldness



And did I tell you to be  
cautious. To temper your  
daring and sense of adventure  
with good judgment and  
consideration.

willow . . .  
humanity





Did I tell you  
to serve other  
people if only  
in a small way.

There is growth and  
satisfaction in being  
part of something  
larger than yourself  
and your life will be  
richer for knowing this.

*nasturtium*  
*patriotism*



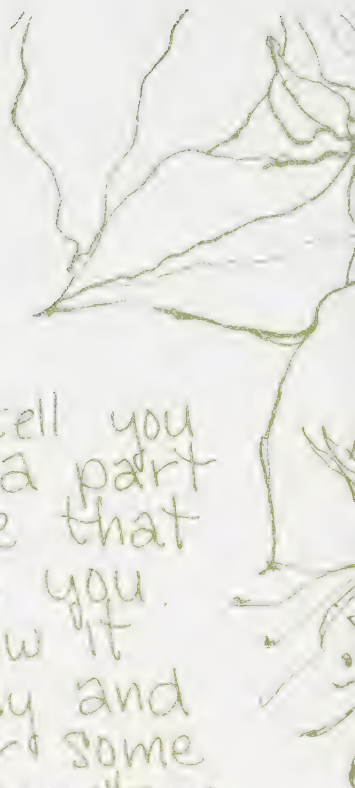


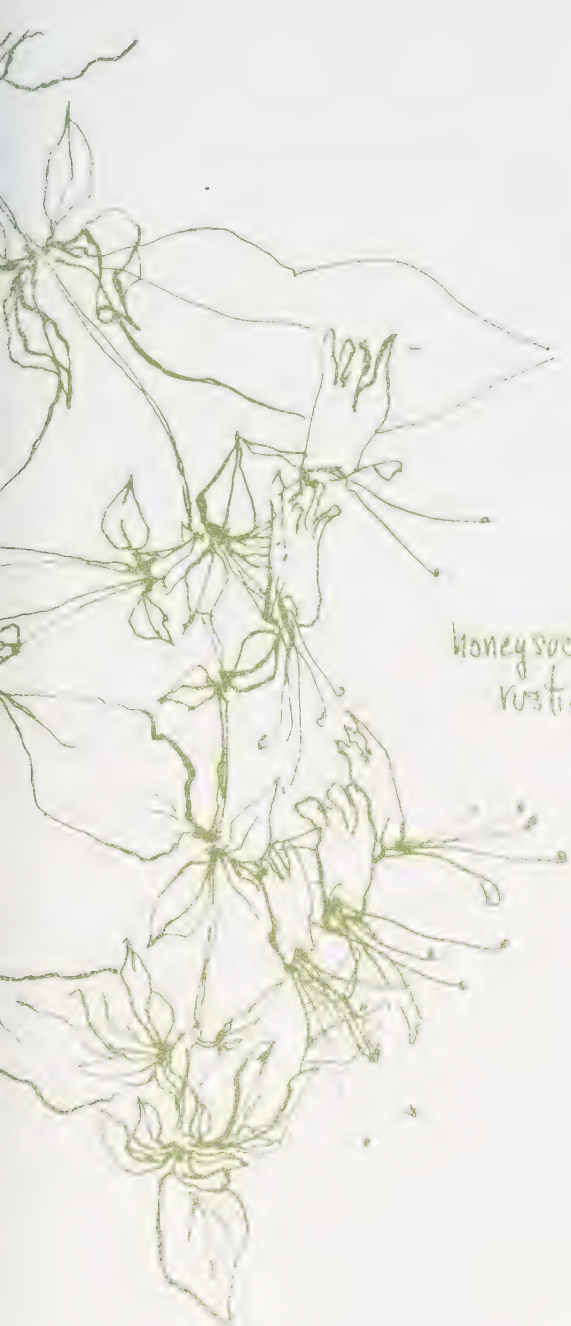


Did I tell you to maintain a sense of the past. To recall and uphold all that is best and meaningful in our Country and in our Society. But never be afraid to speak out where you don't believe or where there is room for improvement. Work for what you believe, but work in a positive way within a structure of order and reason.

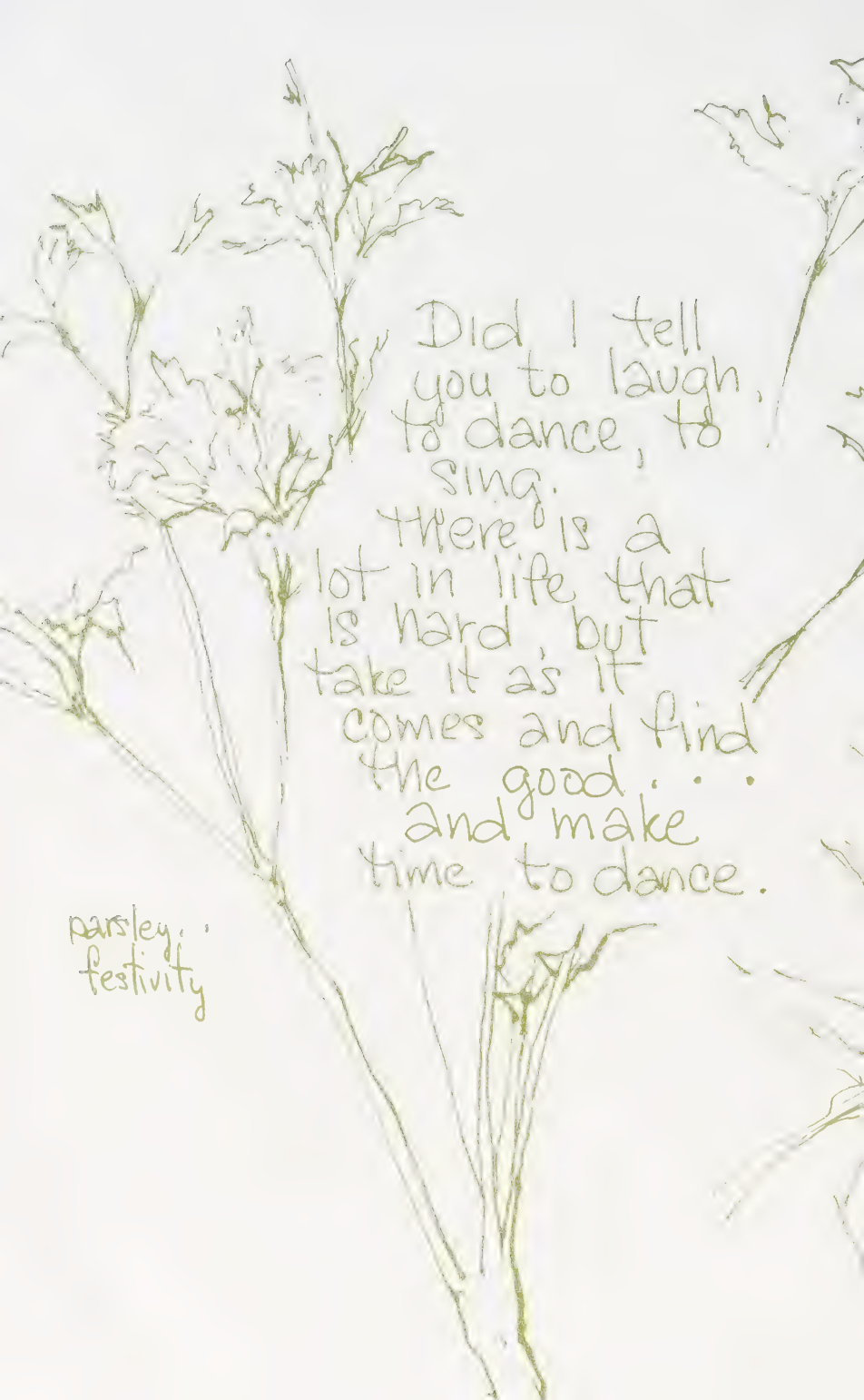


Did I tell you  
to find a part  
of Nature that  
speaks to you.  
then know it  
intimately and  
well. For some  
it is a mountain  
peak, for some  
a windswept  
beach. Find your  
own and in it  
find your restoration.





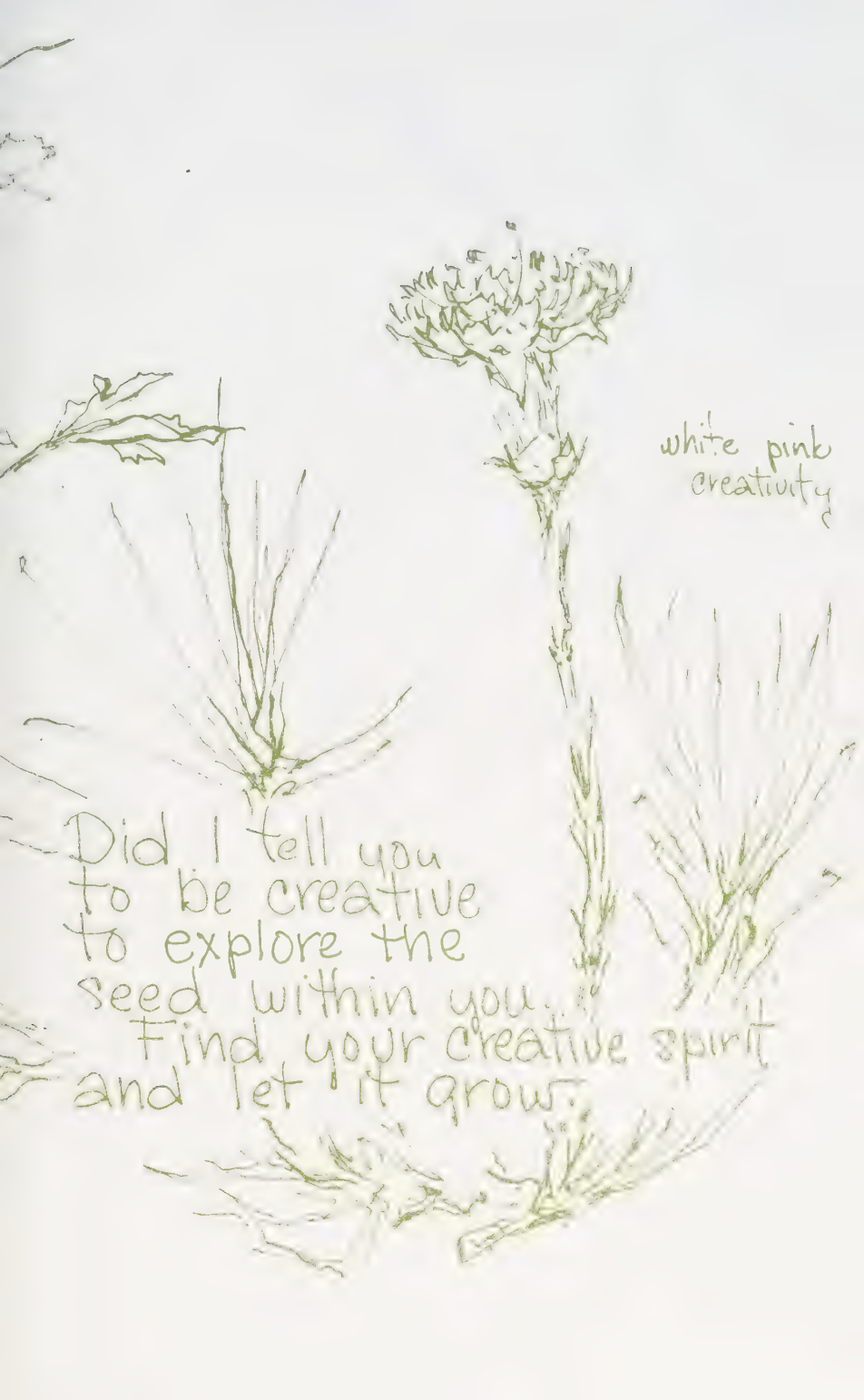
honeysuckle . .  
rustic beauty



Did I tell  
you to laugh,  
to dance, to  
sing.

There is a  
lot in life that  
is hard, but  
take it as it  
comes and find  
the good . . .  
and make  
time to dance.

parsley . .  
festivity



white pink  
creativity

Did I tell you  
to be creative  
to explore the  
seed within you.

Find your creative spirit  
and let it grow.



Wood Sorrel.

Joy



And did I tell you the joy  
and challenge of being a  
woman.

the joy of having a child.  
knowing and sharing a new  
life.

the joy of making a home...

the center but not the  
limit for the lives of those  
you love.

the joy of exploring a third  
dimension.

a world of your own  
discovering and fulfilling  
your own capabilities.





Did I tell you  
these things as  
we went along  
the way?

If I did I am  
humbly grateful.

If I did not then you  
must choose for yourself.  
If it has meaning accept  
it and make it your  
own. If it does not,  
discard it. Your life is  
yours to build as you  
choose.

And did I tell you . . .

I hope it will be a good life



Almonet.  
hope.













cinquefoil